



Equal Rights? *Of Course* we have equal rights

By Katherine Martinez

To be a woman in the United States in the year 2007 is a lucky existence. Unlike our predecessors who had to picket, disobey, and hunger strike their way to getting women the right to vote, it would seem that the inequality between men and women was a subject of the past. However, as much as this may appear to be true, there still remains to be a vital element within our rights that has not yet been fully recognized. This vital element is known as the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), which to this day has not been passed.

What exactly is the Equal Rights Amendment? The technical definition is as follows:

Section 1: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state

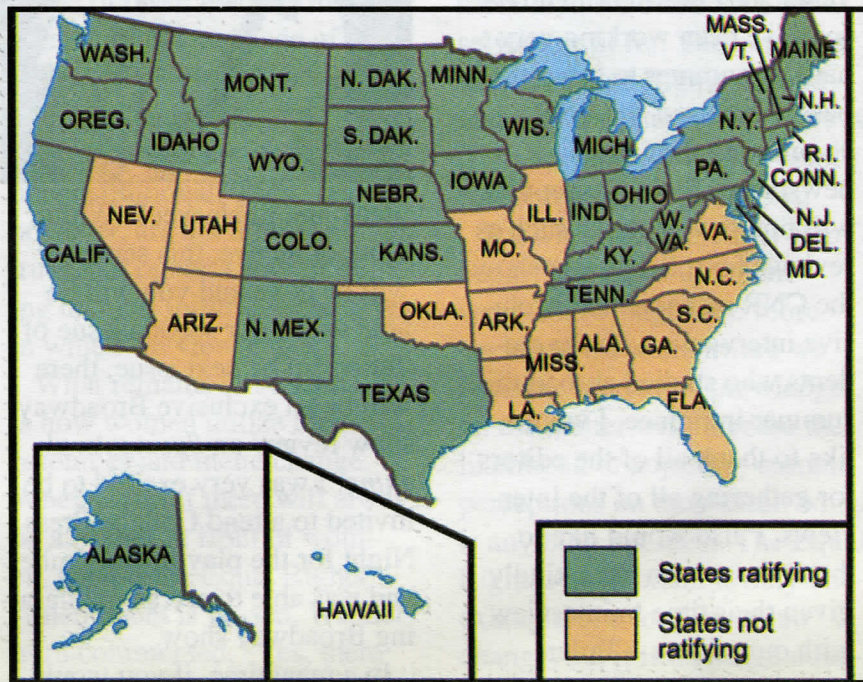
on account of sex.

Section 2: The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3: This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

In other words, the Equal Rights Amendment sounds very much like its name. The Amendment stands for full equality between men and women; it is about the disallowance of one sex being treated in any way inferior or superior to the other. The big question that we are left with is why in our day and age is something like the Equal Rights Amendment still refuted?

To get a sense of what the answer might be, I asked some CNR students what their thoughts were on the matter. One of the common reactions I encountered while interviewing students was the idea that there is controversy still sur-



This map shows the states that has not yet ratified the Equal Rights Amenment.

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rounding the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. Students seemed unfamiliar with the existence of the Equal Rights Amendment. When asked whether they were aware that the ERA had not yet been passed, Selin Tekin and Jazmine Garzon, both sopho-

mores and nursing students, looked surprised. "That is ludicrous – it is vital. The Equal Rights Amendment just needs to be there," Tekin retorted.

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The Black Student Union sponsored the rally on September 20th, 2007.

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Is Going Green Enough?

By K. Sherrisse Lawrence

While many students here at The College of New Rochelle were crowding the Registrar's Office, searching for books on Amazon to escape the bookstore's daunting prices or waiting in line to pay for parking passes, a group of students thousands of miles away from New Rochelle were seeking shade from the sweltering heat – a task that may seem trivial to some, but this particular group of students already had a strike against them before that fateful day began. They were African-American high school students in Jena, Loui-

siana. These students had asked the school for permission to sit under a particular shade tree. An obvious question, which has hopefully penetrated your thoughts, is: why did they feel the need to seek permission from school officials?

The depressing reality is the unwritten, unspoken rule that black students could not sit beneath that specific tree. At the high school the next day, there were three nooses hanging from the tree – in the school's colors nonetheless.

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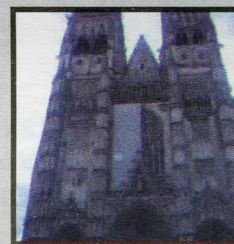
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Editors' Note

By Kathy Yoon

Hello, Tatler readers! Welcome! This is our first issue of the semester and our new Tatler staff and interim advisor have been working very hard all summer to bring the best interests of the CNR community through the newspaper. In this issue, you will find new features such as reviews for a Broadway show, the CNR calendar and exclusive interviews with the students who studied abroad this summer in France. I would like to thank all of the editors for gathering all of the interviews. I also would like to thank those who have kindly given their time to interview with our editors – Tatler would not be here without your help!

In the months of preparation, the editors and I felt confident that Tatler will continue to expand into a newspaper that all students, faculty, and alums can enjoy and use as a reference to life in the world of CNR. Because of our dedicated staff, we are able to provide our readers with a paper that has become not only credible, but also interesting.

As of October 15th, we have 67 days left before the end of the semester, including the weekends, Thanksgiving



break and finals week. Within blink of an eye, this semester will be done and you will be able to see our second issue of Tatler. In the next issue, there will be an exclusive Broadway show review on *Spring Awakening*. I was very excited to be invited to attend College Press Night for the play in September and was able to see an exhilarating Broadway show.

In a meantime, if you would like to see more improvements or changes in the paper, please do not hesitate to contact any staff member at any time. Also, if you are interested in submitting an article for Tatler, please feel free to do so. We can definitely use some excellent articles. Our office hours are Fridays from 1:30-5:00 p.m., so if you would like to stop by, you are more than welcome to! Our office is located in the Student Campus Center (SCC) Room 216.

Until the next issue, good luck with your endeavors!

Corrections

The issues that were published in February and April of 2007, the issue number should have been #89, not #90.

The article "In Loving Memory" that was published in May of 2007, was written by Tresha Hippolyte, not Milena Tercheva.

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The reaction of these students is in itself not surprising. Living in a media-filled world that concerns itself with Britney Spears' latest failed performance or Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt's fascinating relationship, it is no wonder that something like the Equal Rights Amendment has yet to be ratified and is failing to make front page news. As Sherna-Lee Wedderburn, a nursing student as well, puts it, "One of the negative things against us is the media. Looking at all the magazines and television shows, you can see it. It appears that our society is unaware of events unrelated to Anna Nicole Smith or Madonna."

And what exactly does this say about our government? According to Wedderburn, "We are a country that is supposed to spread freedom and equality, but not passing the Equal Rights Amendment is contradictory. What message is Congress trying to send? Especially now, when we have a woman like Hillary Clinton running for president. If we cannot even accept having equal rights put into the Constitution, how are we going to react if we have a woman president?"

Of course today women are able to do far more than they could 80 years ago, which begs another question: If women continue to be successful, should the Equal Rights Amendment be pursued? This is one of Garzon's questions. Garzon added, "Women can do anything today, so it really does

not matter if the Equal Rights Amendment is not passed. We still have freedom." It would be ideal to assume that if the Equal Rights Amendment was passed, it would not be significant to some. Such is not the case. However "free" we may appear to be, by not having this amendment accepted into our government as law, women will never be completely equal to men.

A prime example of what ensues when women and men are not placed on equal sides of the spectrum? They are not paid equally. Sure women can go out and obtain the same jobs as men, but it does not guarantee that they will receive wages even close to what their male counterparts make. In 1963, when the Equal Pay Act was signed, women who were working full-time earned 59 cents for every dollar made by men. In 2006 women earned a mere 77 cents to every dollar when compared to men. We live in a country that advocates freedom as though it were the hot new trend, yet in the past 43 years the increase in women's wages has only risen by 18 cents. Thus, we can continue to live under a false sense of satisfaction that we have reached the pinnacle of equality, but it is hard to deny the inequality when the numbers just do not match up.

For Wedderburn, passing the Equal Rights Amendment should not be a difficult decision. "I think it should be passed. It is not like it is going to harm us. By not doing so is a very discriminatory way to hold women back."

Why then would the Equal Rights Amendment not be accepted? Those opposed to the passing of the Equal Rights Amendment have done so on an account of a number of fears they have been made known. Some of these fears include legalizing the marriage of homosexuals, legitimization of abortion, and even a claim of making single-sex institutions unconstitutional. These fears, however, are not a reflection of truth, but rather a way of thinking that has infiltrated the ways in which we view gender.

What remains to be seen is how women utilize their resources and incite change. When asked if there will always be a barrier in front of women, even if the Equal Rights Amendment is passed, Wedderburn commented, "Yes, there will always be a barrier because there will always be that one woman who tells herself, 'oh, I cannot do it – I am not beautiful enough or this or that.'" Thoughts such as these will continue to be woman's biggest obstacle if they never work to to overcome it. As long as we continue to tell ourselves that we have reached a comfortable position in our lives, the quest for equality will decrease; making us not only compliant but also defeated.

This is not insinuating that the Equal Rights Amendment will automatically provide the same equality for women and men. If we are to achieve that sense of equality, we cannot expect an addition to the Constitution to do it for us – we must do it for ourselves. This means getting involved in every aspect of our

lives that affects the outcome of such things. Whether it is the vote we place during the election or the stance we take on sexual discrimination when it occurs in the workplace, the power we hold as women is far more than we often give ourselves credit for. The only way that the Equal Rights Amendment can be entirely effective is if we accompany what it stands for with productive actions.

So, where does the first step begin? To sum it up in one word: knowledge. The more we learn, the more aware we become. Increased knowledge on the matter will increase the likelihood of adjusting current perceptions on the matter, which is anything but ideal. The Equal Rights Amendment is only one example of a long, overdue change, but it is a change nonetheless. As Wedderburn puts it, "We have done a lot as women – I think we deserve a right to be recognized for it."

Interestingly enough, immediately following the discussion I had with my peers about the Equal Rights Amendment, they jumped into a conversation concerning dieting tips and routines that worked best. Thus the question remains – how far have we really gotten? But even more importantly – how far do we really wish to go?

DIPLOMA Act Established for Middle Class Families

By Tresha Hippolyte

Tuition costs are rising, as evident by The College's recent six percent increase. In time for the fall semester, representatives John Hall and Nita Lowey announced a bill that would provide tax credits for middle-class families who struggle to pay tuition and other college-related costs.

The bill, authored by Lowey, is called the Deductibility and Incentives to Promote Learn-

ing Opportunities and Maximize Assistance (DIPLOMA) Act. It would help families making up to \$160,000 and individuals making up to \$80,000 receive a tax deduction for all college-related expenses, including tuition and fees, room and board, and books, according to the *Journal News* in early September.

However, according to Rebecca Thompson, legislative director at the United States Student Association, this bill would do

very little to help low-income families who happen to need the most aid. The emphasis of the Act is on middle-class families.

For more information or to contact Congresswoman Nita Lowey, you can visit www.house.gov/lowey.

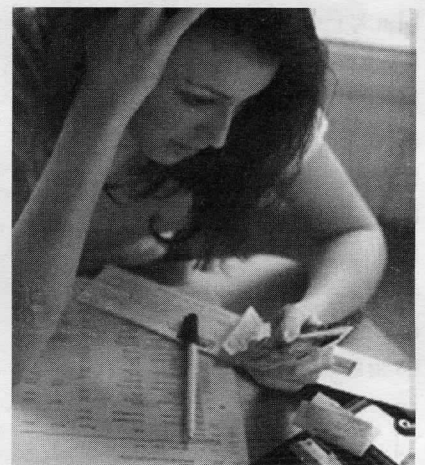


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College Life

Hispanic Heritage Month and Honorable Women

By Katherine Martinez

Why are September 15, 16, and 18th significant dates to keep in mind? It is because these days mark the anniversaries of the independence achieved by seven Latin American countries. Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15, Mexico on September 16, and Chile on September 18. Not only is this a month to be mindful of the freedoms achieved by these countries, but also of the accomplishments of those individuals who have made an impact on Hispanic culture.

The recognition of women is often scarce among many cultures. It is for this reason, and in honor of this month, that I would like to highlight the women who have contributed to Hispanic culture and its development. These women are what make this celebration an important one to remember.

During the years 1990 to 1993, Antonia Coello Novello served as a surgeon general under President George H.W. Bush. Her position in the United States government is admirable not only because she is Hispanic, but also because she was "the first woman ever to hold the position." Coming from a small town in Puerto Rico, Novello acquired a position in the first Bush administration allowing her to work on important issues such as the dangers of smoking and teenage drinking, expanding AIDS education, and improving health care for women, minorities, and children.

Another notable woman to mention is Nydia Velázquez. It was 1992 that she was elected to Congress, making her the first Puerto Rican woman chosen to be in Congress.

Ellen Ochoa is another recognizable figure in Hispanic culture. Ochoa is known as "the world's first Hispanic

astronaut." As a researcher and engineer, Ochoa has logged more than 900 hours in space on four flights and still has the time to maintain herself as a classical flutist. The completion of such an arduous task is a testament to the contributions of Hispanics in the world.

In the creative world, Joan Baez has come to be known as an important figure as well. A folk singer and activist Baez made folk music mainstream. Baez's ability to engage her audience using this medium, helped to make folk music, which had been largely ignored, popular.

As a writer, poet, and feminist, Muna Lee made important contributions to the modern women's movement. Where it concerned equal rights for women, Lee was very much an advocate for this necessary change. Playing an essential role in such advancements, she was a founder of the Inter-American Commission of

Women. She also became an inter-American cultural affairs specialist for the U.S. Department in 1941. Though noted for the role she played in the government, Lee's contributions began as a writer making "major contributions to the modern Pan-American literary tradition."

The list of women that have made an impact on Hispanic culture can go on and on. However, the light rarely shines upon these women. Therefore, remembering that they have made contributions in our world like men have, is perhaps the most important and inspiring thing we could do during this year's celebration of Hispanic Heritage month.

Jena Six

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Those responsible for hanging the nooses were suspended from school for a few days for their hate crime - hanging the nooses. The school's administration chalked it up to a harmless prank, but Jena's black population did not take it so lightly, a reaction, which launched unrest at the high school and within Jena. The District Attorney, Reed Walters, in an interview with the *New York Times*, said that he could "end these students' life with a stroke of the pen."

As tensions rose, chaos became common in Jena: black students were assaulted, a white man shot three black teenagers at a local convenience store, and someone tried to burn down the school that the students were attending. It was a fight on December 4, 2006 that brought national attention to the situation and to six black students, involved in the brawl, now dubbed the "Jena Six." The fight in question led to the Jena Six being charged with attempted murder

when no one involved was critically injured. To his credit, Walters, kept his words and aggressively pursued maximum charges, which would have given each of the students a sentence of eight years. Four of the Jena Six are being tried as adults.

Interestingly enough, one of Mychal Bell's friends (Bell is one of the Jena Six) was attacked and suffered a cracked skull with a beer bottle at an all white attendants party, a few nights before the December 4 incident, according to the *New York Times*. His assailant received a simple battery charge. It is important to note that according to Louisiana State law, battery is listed as a misdemeanor. Bell, who was convicted by an all-white jury in a racially charged and divided Louisiana, faces 20+ years in prison because he was charged with attempted murder.

Prosecutors have reduced the charges against Jena Six from attempted murder to aggravated battery and conspiracy to commit aggravated battery following media attention and pressure from protesters against

racism and injustice.

Bell, the only member of Jena Six to be trialed thus far, was convicted of aggravated battery. Prosecutors also dropped the attempted murder account to battery in early September in the cases of Carwin Jones and Theodore Shaw when they were arraigned. Bell's attorney, Bob Noel, expects an Appeals Court to overturn Bell's battery conviction. Noel accused the LaSalle Parish District Attorney, Reed Walters, "of using bait-and-switch tactics to try Bell as an adult." According to the *New York Times*, under Louisiana State law, a juvenile charged with aggravated battery may be charged as an adult only if the attack involved a firearm, but murder and attempted murder charges can only be brought in adult court."

The Reverend Al Sharpton and Reverend Jesse Jackson called for a rally in Jena on the day of Bell's sentencing, September 20th, to protest the black teenager's treatment. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, the Senior Pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, who went to Jena and participated in

the protest, explained "I went to Jena, Louisiana in support of and in solidarity with the Jena Six. It is an unfortunate reality that racism and injustice is still a part of the fabric of the African American experience. We march in response to what God requires of us, to act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with our God as we continue the struggle for the liberation of our people."

The Black Student Union at The College of New Rochelle held a small rally on September 20, 2007, in front of the Student Campus Center in an attempt to unify the college community in their support and awareness of the tragedy in Jena, Louisiana. Groups nationwide are donning black or green to show their support of the Jena Six. Is that enough? If Bell was your boyfriend, friend, or brother, what action would you want your community to take?

The fact is, if you want to galvanize a student body that has been lulled into complacency, when an issue is personal - it will be too late! As privileged, educated women - and men, we need to become more aware of and take action to affect change in our communities.

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Office 2007 Update

By Tresha Hippolyte

At the beginning of the fall semester, students participating in the student laptop program were required to update to Microsoft Office 2007 software upon accessing the campus' network. The software bundle was released this year with Windows Vista nationwide, and was a requirement for all Windows computers running Office.

Computers in the computer laboratory and classrooms were upgraded to the new package as a Microsoft networking requirement with workshops available to help students adjust to the new layout.

All aspects of Office were upgraded to the current version, featuring a sleek, easy-to-use interface. Compatibility issues with those who use older versions should no longer be an obstacle. However, not all computers on campus have

been updated yet. Several of the residence halls computers are still awaiting upgrades to the new Office software. It is suggested to save work in older formats (otherwise known as 97-2003 format under "Save As") for Macintosh's version of Office.

It should be noted that students can now access their account information off-campus now. To access ANGEL courses or reset passwords, students can now head to the Virtual Help Desk located at <http://www.cnr.edu/helpdesk> or call (914) 654-5012.

Back to School Jam

By Sakina Laksimi

Energetic and excited by the success of this year's first event, Black Student Union (BSU) president Denise Maison says the organization had a great turn out for the annual BSU Back to School Jam which was co-sponsored by the Junior Class. The Back to School Jam is usually held within the first three weeks of the fall semester and is known as one of the biggest and most successful events hosted by a Student Government Association organization.

Over half of this year's attendees were non-CNR students. The College's security team with the support of Meghan Toomey, Jennifer Zichetella, as well as Robin and James Marshall, moderated the party to ensure that the evening went smoothly.

Greatly anticipated, the party drew a crowd that was present outside of the Student Campus Center before the doors were open. DJ Ampz kicked off the party as the crowd filtered in. Though some were turned away, those in attendance did not waste any time in begin-

ning the party.

At approximately 11:30 p.m., there was a buzz circulating the dance floor that the party would end shortly. According to a staff member, there was an incident. For security reasons, attendees were asked to evacuate the premises two hours before its expected end time. Minutes later it was alleged that someone had tried to break into the building. At 11:50 p.m., Maison calmly announced the party's conclusion. Following a roar of disapproval from the party goers, the crowd was escorted outside of the building. Police cars that were parked outside of the building escorted many non-CNR students off campus and made sure the campus was safe.

Although it was cut short, the party was a success. The year began with a strong start. BSU has a few more programs planned for the semester including "Sister to Sister" to be held in Maura Hall. Congratulations to BSU as we await the Sophomore Class' party on October 20th.

Major Life Choices

By Sakina Laksimi

As a new academic year begins and students return to continue their studies, many are faced with the dilemma of choosing a major, or deciding whether the major they selected is right. Stress and frustrations inhibit many college students as they attempt to make one of the biggest decisions that will determine both their personal lives and respective careers. The path to careers and futures begin here.

Amidst the confusion and panic it is reassuring to know that help is available. Counseling and Career Services (CCS), located on first floor of the Mooney Center, offers students help in deciding the career path that best suits them. Through self assessment and gathering information about different career paths, the staff is dedicated to assisting students in making career choices. The director of Counseling and Career Services Lynda Magrath says that the

most crucial element in deciding on a major and a career is "knowing ourselves and knowing what's out there."

One must first find what they are genuinely interested in. Through counseling, there are a variety of options on self-discovery. One option is taking the Strong Interest Inventory which is a formal test that is sent outside of the college and the results are mailed back. Less formal assessments are also possible. CCS makes a conscious attempt to accommodate students by looking for ways to make them feel most comfortable. They provide students with options encouraging them to find their interests and direct them to websites that might be of interest. During the interview, Magrath provided a list of internet resources, some general and other specific, that could be of significant help in gathering information.

The final step in deciding or even ruling out a major is interning or volunteering in the

field. The hands-on experience is crucial to testing the waters. Counseling and Career Services will offer a workshop in November entitled Major Concerns. There are a variety of other workshops and programs that will be offered throughout the semester.

The counselors are also available for personal counseling. Their holistic philosophy as Magrath pointed out, is that making a career choice is personal. While the stress of college and choosing a career is overwhelming, it is particularly crucial that we take advantage of our resources here at The College by allowing CCS to extend their professional help.

For more information or to contact CCS, you may visit their website, www.cnr.edu/counseling-careerservices.



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Events Calendar

Ever wondered what was going on around campus?

Have no fear!

Tatler is here to keep you updated on upcoming events at CNR.

Mark your calendars!!

October

- 16: Senior Photos: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Iselin Room
Alcohol Awareness Program: 12 – 2 p.m., SCC Foyer and Room B
- 17: Senior Photos: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Iselin Room
- 18: Senior Photos: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Iselin Room
- 20: The Perfect '10 presents 70's in '07 party: 9 p.m. – 2 a.m., SCC Rooms A and B
- 24: Blood Drive: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Iselin Room
- 29: CNR Drama presents "Little Shop of Horrors": 9 p.m., Romita Auditorium
- 31: CNR Drama presents "Little Shop of Horrors": 9 p.m., Romita Auditorium

November

*** November 2nd-4th : FAMILY WEEKEND! Invite your family and friends for our exciting events!**

- 2: CNR Drama presents "Little Shop of Horrors": 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Romita Auditorium
- 3: CNR Student Showcase: 12:30 – 2 p.m., Maura Ballroom
Meet Your Res Life Family: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Angela, Brescia, Maura and Ursula Living Rooms
CNR Drama presents "Little Shop of Horrors": 6:30 p.m. – 11 p.m., Romita Auditorium
Family Fun Night: 7 – 9 p.m., Brescia Living Room
- 4: CNR Drama presents "Little Shop of Horrors": 6:30 p.m. – 11 p.m., Romita Auditorium
- 8: SGA General Body Meeting: 12:45 – 1:45 p.m., SCC Room B
- 12: Movie Night: 8 – 10:30 p.m., Maura Living Room
- 14: BSU Presents Bake – n – Bond, location and time TBD.
- 18: SGA Presents an International Potluck Dinner: 7 – 9 p.m., Ursula Fitness Center Lounge
- 22: Happy Thanksgiving!
- 29: SGA General Body Meeting: 12:45 – 1:45 p.m., Maura Ballroom
Graduate School Open House: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., SCC upstairs

* For more information on these or more events, please contact Student Development at (914) 654-5862.

* If you would like to see your upcoming November and December events in the next issue, please send an e-mail to tatler@cnr.edu.

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Entertainment

Movie Review: Hits and Non-Hits of the Summer 07'

By Mattie Jalonack

What you probably saw this summer

- **Fantastic Four, Rise of the Silver Surfer:** As Reed and Sue move forward with their nuptials an ALIEN attack puts their wedding on hold as the Fantastic Four come together to battle the Silver Surfer. DVD available October 2.

- **Knocked Up:** Alison and Ben have a one night stand which results in Alison becoming pregnant and she decides to keep the baby. The film is put together by the directors of the 40 year Old Virgin so it is not your typical story of girl meets boy. It was a surprise hit of the summer!

- **Live Free or Die Hard:** It's also known as Die Hard 4 or Bruce Willis defying the laws of nature. It's the fourth installment of the series. The creators do not mislead you; it is Officer John McClane doing what he does best. The DVD is out on November 20.

- **Ocean's 13:** The gang returns to Las Vegas to avenge one of their own. No release date on this film as of yet. (Suggestion: Watch Oceans 11

and 12 repeatedly until the third one becomes available).

- **Pirates of the Caribbean, At World's End:** It is similar to the first two only longer. Sorry, but this will not be released until December 4.

- **Ratatouille (fan fave):** Remy the Rat dreams of being a great French chef. Release date is set for November 6.

- **The Simpsons movie:** One of the longest running TV series of all time came to the big screen. It has all the antics of the show just on a larger scale. Release date is set for September 17.

- **Superbad:** It's the final weeks of high school for a few crazy teens and their attempt to live it up and land the hottest girl. Still no release date for the DVD, but if you ask a random passerby, they should be able to quote at least one scene from the film.

- **Transformers:** Based on the cartoon, it is a hit at the box office...it has to be seen to be believed. The DVD release date is October 16.

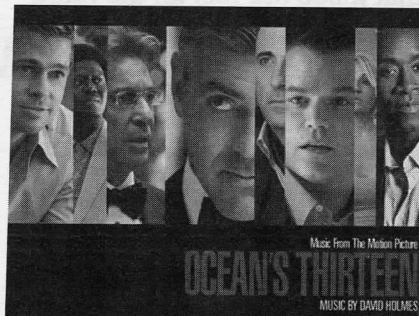


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What you probably did not see this summer

- **Amazing Grace:** Story of William Wilberforce and his passion to pass a law ending the slave trade in the late 18th century. DVD release date: November 13.

- **Becoming Jane:** The romantic and tempestuous biopic of Jane Austen. No release date yet. (Suggestion: Read one of her many books to tide you over until it is on DVD.)

- **Evening:** A drama exploring the romantic past and emotional present of Ann Grant and her daughters, Constance and Nina. As Ann lays dying, she remembers, and is moved to convey to her daughters, the defining mo-

ments in her life 50 years prior, when she was a young woman. Harris is the man Ann loves in the 1950's and never forgets. Currently available on DVD.

- **Moliere:** An estimation tale of comic playwright Moliere, actually filling in the years missing from his autobiography.

- **Mr. Brooks:** (Kevin Costner being creepy) Mr. Brooks is the man of the year; Mr. Perfect, family man type, except for the fact that he's going around killing people. Available on DVD October 23.

- **Talk to me:** The story of Washington D.C. radio personality Ralph "Petey" Greene, an ex-con who became a popular talk show host and community activist in the 1960s. Available on DVD October 30.

- **You Kill Me:** A hitman (Ben Kingsley) with a drinking problem that gets in the way of his killing. According to Amazon.com, "when mismatched people find a common calling the most unlikely relationships are formed and explored through dead-on performances by Kingsley."

A Walk on Avenue Q

By Sakina Laksimi

Ridiculously hilarious, A walk on *Avenue Q* was an upbeat, engaging, and unique Tony award-winning musical. The cast of young actors' performance was magnificent, bringing puppeteering to a new height. The plot is one that recent college graduates can relate to. A walk on *Avenue Q* detailed the story of a recent college graduate who is excited for future prospects.

His quest for success and happiness cloud his vision on his search for an apartment which brings him to *Avenue Q*, one of New York City's worst neighborhoods. He struggles with the responsibilities of adulthood and the stress of unemployment.

The musical play uses light-hearted humor to depict everyday obstacles. The view-

ers wrestle with enjoying the comedy and understanding the themes that resonate throughout the play. One song which left the audience roaring with laughter was "porn." A replica of Sesame Street's cookie monster explains to the audience in a comical manner why we all go on the internet. At the junction of Sesame Street and Harlem, *Avenue Q* is the perfect place to spend a little time.

Coupons are available in the Student Development office. *Avenue Q* is a must see. Tickets can be purchased online, by phone or visit the Golden Theatre box office at 252 West 45th street in Manhattan.

The Beat of the City

By Sakina Laksimi

A small theatre on second avenue and eighth street hosts one of New York's most enticing shows. *Stomp*, a popular off-Broadway show, bursts with creative energy. The theatre was full and its audience awaited with anticipation as music played. As the show started and applause ceased, seven dancer/actors filed in. The show commenced with no dialogue just beats. Synchronized, the actors created music without musical instruments. The choreography was perfect, the energy poured out of every STOMP. It was a combination of sophistication, charm, humor and raw talent. There was a sense of youthful brilliance intertwined with timeless attraction for music. Each character, though perfectly in sync with each other,

retained their individualism.

The show ran for approximately two hours with each second filled with originality.

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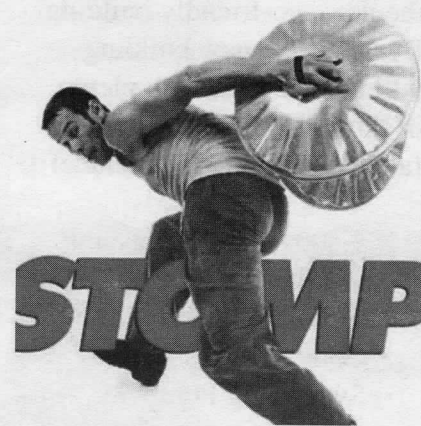


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Study Abroad/ Sports

Bonjour! - A Month in France

By Katherine Martinez

One of the most rewarding experiences for any college student is the opportunity to study abroad. Here at The College of New Rochelle such an opportunity is readily available to those who want to take it. And while one would usually have to wait until junior year to apply for the program as it stands for most colleges, CNR does not pose such a restriction. As long as academic requirements are met and the desire is there, mostly anyone who wishes to study abroad can do so.

To get a closer look into what it is like to study in another country, I asked two students who stayed in Tours, France this past summer to describe their experience. As it turns out, the students not only learned from inside the classroom, but outside of it as well.

For Shannon Fell, a junior and International Studies major, this was a new adventure for her. However, for Maria Loja, a junior and French major, it was the second time

around. It was an experience that made her feel all the more welcome. With a smile on her face, Loja said, "Going to Tours is like going home."

According to Fell, "Studying abroad is great because you get to experience a different cultural perspective." While Loja emphasized other benefits adding, "You learn the language so much better by actually being in the country." This immersion into a new culture and the development of one's fluency in a language are among the primary goals in the study abroad program. It gives the student a unique chance to go out of their comfort zone, exploring new ways to look at the world around them.

With classes held Monday through Friday, totaling up to about 19 hours a week, and being among students from all around the world, the diversity was appreciable. "There were a lot of international students," Fell said in surprise, "which was nice to see." When it came to the French residents themselves, Shannon dismissed the notion that they can be rather

cold, saying "The French are quiet. They are not as out there as Americans are. They are just a little more reserved." Both students seemed to agree that while there may be a perception hovering over the image of the French, one must keep in mind that you will find all sorts of people wherever you go. Be it kind or mean, varying personalities are a common aspect of any culture.

Though Tours holds its own intriguing characteristics, for Loja and Fell, staying in Paris during the first two days of their trip was truly the main highlight. Known for its artistic background and historical architecture, Paris remains to be a fascinating spectacle of trendy culture and inspiring scenery. "Sightseeing in Paris was the best!" announced an excited Loja. Her enthusiasm is just a small example of the kinds of emotions that can be aroused when one is engulfed in the center of European life.

Fell, too, found the "City of Lights" to be both beautiful and endearing. She described what it was like to see everything up close, "There is a lot of history in the buildings. The architecture is very old, but it has its

own story. The streets are very narrow and even the cars are really small." It is this kind of historical setting that makes Paris one of the most attractive cities.

It would not be a real French experience, however, if one did not go to watch a French film. Le cinéma for Maria was, as she described, "One of the most fun things to do in Paris." But do not expect her to sit through another viewing of The Simpsons movie in French, as she so clearly stated, "It was horrible."

So while the French language cannot make even a dysfunctional, animated family seem remotely cool, the country itself remains to be.



Loja and Fell in France!

Photo By: Maria Loja

Update on the Wellness Center

By Tresha Hippolyte

With the Wellness Center nearing completion, The College's aim to foster a healthy lifestyle is improving. As of now, the Wellness Center is 65% complete, according to CNR's official website. Coach Harold Crocker, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics was also named Director of the new eco-friendly building. By 2008, the new building will be equipped with plenty of physical and educational facilities. Highlights include:

- * 1,500-seat Gymnasium/ Auditorium
- * Fitness & Weight Room
- * Competition-size Swimming Pool with spectator seating
- * Aerobics & Dance Studio/ Holistic Meditation Room

- * Technologically Equipped Conference Rooms
- * Classrooms and Seminar Rooms
- * Contemplation Garden

More info about the upcoming Wellness Center can be found at www.cnr.edu/CAMPaign/cnrcampaign.htm. The completion of this building will be a benefit to The College's intercollegiate sports teams and is in accordance with The College's mission. The college hosts a variety of intercollegiate athletics including: volleyball, swimming, tennis, cross country, basketball, volleyball, softball, cheerleading and soccer.



The Wellness Center, which is in plan to open by Winter (Spring) 2008.

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